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Annual grant for the maintenance of Govinda Chetty's Chatram, Bangalore.

Previous References

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Later References.

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NOTES AND PRECIS.

Letter No. T-13-Bang-609, dated the 2nd May, 1932, fr the Accountant-General, Madras, (T. 13 Section).

The history of the case is as follows:-

The Government made a free grant of the site on condit: that Mr. Govidoo Chetty would build a chattram(a Rest House) near the Cantonment Railway Station. This he did at a large expense and was then anxious to endow it: after some negotia- tions for a revenue free grant of land which fell through he addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore his petition of 28th May, 1872 in which he said that the chattram would be open to all castes and creeds and detailed in para 11 the proposed normal expenditure for establishment, food for travellers and miscellaneous expenses amounting to Rs. 138-5-4 per mensem or Rs. 1,600/- per annum for which an endowment was required. He proposed to lodge Rs. 20,000/- 4 per cent paper with Government yielding Rs. 800/- per annum, and asked Government to ---- supplement this with an annual grant of an equivalent amount, the full amount of Rs. 1600/- to be expended as by the scheme by himself and his successors as managers under supervision of the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District. The late Chief Commissioner of Mysore approved and made the muzarayi grant of Rs. 800/- per annum accordingly, the whole arrangement being detailed and described in the indenture or trust deed of 26th March, 1874 between the Chief Commissioner of Mysore and the Managing Trustee Mr. Govindoo Chetty, and the ex-officio supervising trustees the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District and the President, Municipal Commission. The Rs. 20,000/- 4 per cent notes were lodged in the Government Treasury in the name of the trustees.

The grant of Rs. 800/- is still being paid from the revenues of the Assigned Tract. The Accountant-General Madras has now forwarded, for the orders of the Resident, ----- certain correspondence between the late Pay and Accounts Office and the Collector, regarding the recovery of Rs. 104-2-11 ,

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being the unspent balance for the year 1930-31, from the - Managing Trustee of Govinda Chetty Chatram.

If approved a copy of the P.U.C. may be sent to the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for favour report. He may also be asked to forward a copy of the accou of the Chatrum for the year 1930-31.

Draft submitted for approval.

(From para 1).

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
13-5-1932

Secretary.

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Issued No,3510 dated the 26th May,1932.

Letter No. 2537-D-31, dated the 15th June, 1932, from the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Please see S.N. 1 and 2 and the notes in paras 1 to 5.

The Collector states that the salaries of 8 servants attached to the chatram are very low when compared with the rates fixed for similar posts in Municipal service. If the chatram servants are denied the privilege of taking their food from the institution, their pay will have to be ------ increased.

If approved the Accountant-General, Madras, may be asked to treat the feeding charges as part of their pay and debit the cost against the income from the endowment and the Government grant. If this is done no recovery is ----- necessary from the grant for 1930-31.

Draft reply to the Accountant-General, Madras, is submitted for approval. Before the issue of the draft the file may be sent U.O. to the Financial Adviser to the Hon'ble the Resident with the request that he will kindly state whether he sees any objection to the issue of the draf

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
25-6-1932

Secretary.

U.O.No. 4233
27th June 1932

To

The Financial Adviser to the Hon'ble the Resident

U.O. with reference to para 6 of the notes.

The draft may issue.

For the reasons stated by the Collector the rations to chatram servants may be treated as pay in kind

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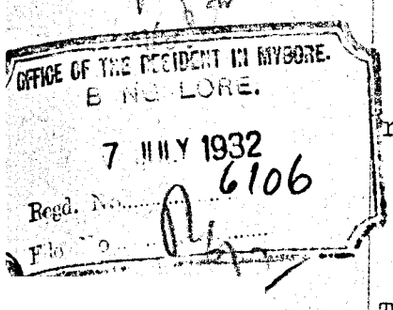

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No. T-13-Bang-609 OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL MADRAS.

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Fort St. George, 2nd May 1932.

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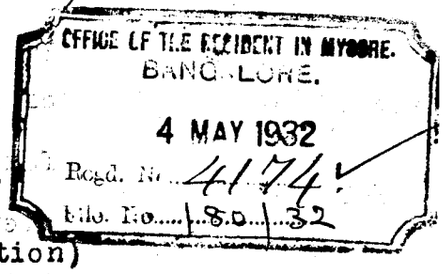

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,

MADRAS,

To

(T.13 Section)

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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SIR,

Sub; Payment of annual grant for the maintenance of Govinda Chetty's Chathram, Bangalore.

In forwarding herewith a copy each of letters No. P-1790 dated 12/13-8-31 from the late Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore, addressed to the Collector, Civil and Military Station and the ~~letters~~ letter No.2537 -D -31 dated 16-4-32 in reply thereto on the above subject, I have the honour to state as follows;-

i. In allowing an annual grant of Rs.800/- for the maintenance of the Chatram, the intention of Government was that a similar sum should be provided from the interest on the endowment and that Rs.1,600/- in all should be spent annually on the Chatram - vide letter No.5966 dated 24-10-1902 from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, addressed to the Collector, Civil and Military Station.

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2. On a detailed examination of the accounts of the Chatram for the year 1930-31, it was found by the late Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore, that th expenditure on the Chatram during that year was ----- Rs.1,495-13-1 only, while the full amount of the annua

grant of Rs.800/- was paid by Government. It was, therefore, suggested to the Collector by the Pay and Accounts Officer that the balance of Rs.104-2-11 might be adjusted against the grant for the year 31-32 and that the accounts of a few previous years might be examined by the Collector in the light of certain observations made by him to see whether there had been similar excess payments in those years.

iii) The Collector states in reply that his examination of the accounts for the last ten years had revealed that the Trustee had spent Rs.14,631/- over and above the Government contribution and the income from the endowment; and in view of this fact, it was thought unjustifiable to deduct anything from the grant. The full amount of grant viz., Rs.800/- due for 31-32 has been claimed by the Managing Trustee and paid at the Bangalore Treasury in March 1932.

iv) The grant paid for the year 1930-31, when viewed with reference to the intentions of Government set forth in sub paragraph i above, is in excess of the amount admissible by Rs.104-2-11 and as the Collector has found it not necessary to regularize this excess payment the matter is brought to the notice of the Hon'ble the Resident for his orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R.Srirangarajan
Assistant Accounts Officer.

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Fort St. George, 2nd May 1932. 193

Enclosures.

No.

Copy of letter No.P/1790 dated 12th August 1931 from the Pay and Accounts Officer Bangalore to the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Sub; Maintenance of Govinda Chetty's Chatram.

In returning herewith with thanks the detailed accounts of the Chatram kindly forwarded with your letter No.2537-D-31 dated 26-6-1931, I have the honour to state that the accounts furnish particulars of the entire expenditure on maintenance of the Chatram including that of the temple located therein. But under the arrangement between Government and the Chatram management, the income from the endowment as well as the Government contribution of Rs.800/- per annum should be utilised only on the objects detailed in the margin. The managing Trustee may, therefore, kindly be requested to furnish in future particulars of monthly expenditure of the Chatram other than those relating to the maintenance of the temple.

Out of the sum of Rs.2183-2-7 spent in 1930-31 towards the maintenance of the Chatram, a sum of Rs.309-10-0 as shown in the margin relates to temple expenditure. Excluding this, the expenditure on the maintenance of the Chatram proper is only Rs.1873-8-7. But the latter figure includes the feeding charges of the Chatram servants also. In the orders governing the grant of the Government Contribution, no provision appears to have, however, been made for the free feeding of the Chatram servants. A Sum of Rs.377-11-6 spent on this account does not also therefore appear to be correctly chargeable against the income from the endowment and the Government grant. The total admissible expenditure against 1600 appears thus to be Rs.1495-13-1 leaving a balance of Rs. Rs.104-2-11 to be adjusted

If you agree, the Managing Trustee may kindly be asked to furnish in future monthly accounts only in respect of the objects detailed above, and the accounts of a few years may be examined to see if any part of the Government grant is recoverable. Under para 6 of the Proceedings of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore No. 156-285 dated 17-1-1887, 4 per cent Madras Debentures for Rs.20,000/- which form the endowment fund should be deposited in the Hon'ble the Resident's Treasury. But, it has been stated in your letter under reply that they are now in the safe custody of the Managing Trustee himself. The authority, if any, under which this has been allowed may kindly be stated. Information may also kindly be furnished as to whether any reply was received from the Accountant-General, Madras to your letter No.2762 dated 16-8-1931.

Copy of letter No.2537-D-31 dated 16th April 1932. from Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore to the Accountant-General, Madras.

Maintenance of Govinda Chetty Chattram- Letter No.P. 1790 dated 12/13-8-31 from the P and A.O., Bangalore.

On examination of the accounts of the Chattram for 10 years (1921-22 - 1930-31), I find that the trustee had spent Rs.14,631/- over and above the Government contribution and the income from the endowment. In view of this large additional expenditure incurred by him, I thought that it would be unjustifiable to deduct anything from the grant. have, however, issued orders to the Chattram management to send me accounts separately for the Chattram alone and to utilise the amount for the purpose for which it is intended.

I have also directed him to deposit the Government securities in the Treasury.

(True copies)

P. Subramaniam.
Manager.
(A.G's office)

Details

No: 1. Chatram proper.

1	Mutsaddi	Rs 10-0-0
1	Manakarchi	Rs 6-0-0
2	peons or watchman	Rs 10-0-0
2	Sweepers	Rs 6-0-0
2	Scavengers	Rs 6-0-0
	Oil for lights	Rs 15-0-0
	Miscellaneous	Rs 7-13-4
	monthly	Rs 60-13-4

No: 2. Feeding establishment

Food for 15 travellers at Rs 4½ per month		Rs 67-8-0
1 Cook		Rs 10-0-0
per month		77-8-0

Grand Total per month } Rs 138-5-4

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To

A copy of the marginally noted letter is forwarded to the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for favour of report.

2. A copy of the accounts of ~~the~~ Govinda Chetty's Chatram for the year 1930-31 may kindly be forwarded to this Residency.

Letter No. T-13-Bang-609, dated the 2nd May, 1932, from the Accountant-General, Madras, (T. 13 Section).

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Secretary to the Resident.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
13-5-1932

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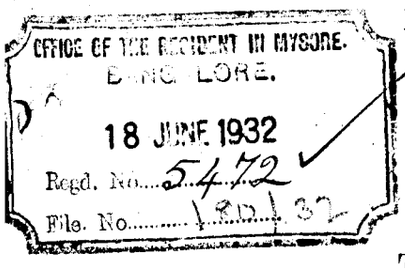
Office of the Collector,
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Dated 15th June 1932.



From

G. H. Cooke, Esq., M.C., I.C.S.,

Collector, Civil and Military Station,

BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Resident
in Mysore, B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

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I forward herewith a copy of letter dated 12-11-'31 from the Managing Trustee of Govinda Chetty Chatram and the remarks of the Treasury Officer thereon dated 12-3-1932.

The salaries of the 8 servants attached to the chatram noted in the margin are very low when compared with the rates fixed for similar posts in municipal service, as shown against each. If the chatram servants are denied the privilege of taking their food from the institution, their pay will have to be increased which would mean an increase of about Rs.42/- per mensem or Rs.504/- per annum.

Mutsaddi	10/-	25/-
Mashalchi	6/-	20/-
Peons or watchman	10/-	15/-
Sweepers	6/-	10/-& 11/-
Scavengers	6/-	10/- &11/-
	38/-	80/-

This was borne in mind when it was thought that the deduction of the sum of Rs.104-2-11 was unjustifiable.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

15-6-32.

COLLECTOR.

Letter dated the 12th November 1931 from M.R.Ry. V. Namasivaya Chettiar, Avl., Managing Trustee of Govinda Chetty Chattram, Bangalore, to the Collector, Civil & Military Station, Bangalore.

Reference:- Your letter No.2537-D-31 dated 6th November 1931 regarding maintenance of Govinda Chetty's Chattram.

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In reply to your letter No.2537-D-31 dated 28th September 1931 asking me to state the authority under which the securities have been allowed to remain in my possession and the observations made in his letter No.P.1790 dated 13th August '31 by the Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore, regarding the expenditure made by me for the maintenance of the Chattram known as Govinda Chetty -- Chattram and the temple located therein, I have the honor to state as follows:-

1. The Chattram and temple have been in existence ever since the year 1870 having been built by my father the late Govinda - Chettiar with an endowment for their maintenance.

2. The income from the said endowment is about Rs.800/- annually and the grant received from Government ever since the said year 1870 is Rs.800/- per annum. This grant has been given originally by the Mysore Government and after rendition by the British Government up to date.

3. The cost of maintenance of the chattram and the temple has been gradually increasing owing to the increased prices in - commodities and dearness of labour. In fact, I have been spending over Rs.2,400/- per annum, though the income from the endowment and the grant comes to only Rs.1,600/-, the surplus being found from my private money as otherwise it is not possible to maintain the chattram and the temple in accordance with the wishes of the original donor, Govinda Chettiar.

4. Conditions of life have so materially altered since the date of the endowment that it is not possible to adhere to the - exact items of expenditure as contained in the original agreement

agreement between Government and Chattram Management, if regard should be paid to the intentions of the donor. For example, it was easy then to get the temple archaka and servants for a small salary, but unless they are given feeding and residence, it is hardly possible to get an archaka for any salary less than Rs.40/- and servants less than Rs.15/- per mensem. To obviate this difficulty and large sums being paid as salaries, I have been supplying rations to these temple servants.

5. It is therefore necessary under the present existing conditions that the Government should not be very particular if there is deviation in respect of a few specific items of expenditure from the very old and original agreement; but should see that the grant of Rs.800/- given is properly spent on the Chatrram and temple in a manner as to satisfy the intentions of the donor and the smooth management of the trust.

6. I would therefore request that the Government may be pleased to continue as usual the said grant of Rs.800/-, which I assure, will be spent most judiciously on the maintenance of the chattram and temple. I am afraid that if the present rations to the temple servants are stopped, there will be a deadlock and great difficulty in management.

7. As regards the securities, I have absolutely no objection to place them at your disposal, if called upon to do.

Hoping this will meet your kind approval.

"C O P Y"

P.M. Avulsk

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U.O. No.85 dated 12-3-1932 from the Treasury Officer, C. & M. Station, Bangalore, to the Collector, C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

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As the accounts were not scrutinised in the past and the expenditure on items not covered by the agreement not objected to, we may perhaps let the past alone.

For the future, we may insist on the Chatram management sending us monthly accounts, separately for the Chatram alone, and see that inadmissible expenditure is not incurred. We may also agree to the treatment of rations as pay-in-kind paid to the Chatram servants, as it is stated that the rates fixed years ago are too inadequate in these days.

"C O P Y"

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1 Mutsaddi ..	10/-	25/-
1 Mashalchi ..	6/-	20/-
2 Peons or watchman.	10/-	15/-
2 Sweepers. ..	6/-	10/- & 11/-
2 Scavengers. ..	6/-	10/- & 11/-
	~~32~~	~~80~~/-

The Secretary to the Resident.

To

The Accountant General,

M a d r a s.

Payment of annual grant for the maintenance of Govinda Chetty's Chatram, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. T.13-Bang.609, dated the 2nd May 1932, I am directed to inform you that the salaries of the 8 servants attached to the Govinda Chetty Chatram noted on the margin are very low when compared with the rates fixed for similar posts in municipal service, as shown against each. If the Chatram servants are denied the privilege of taking their food from the institution, their pay will have to be increased which would mean a large increase ~~of about Rs.48/- per annum or Rs.504/-~~ per annum. The Collector states that this was borne in mind when it was thought that the deduction of the sum of Rs.104/2/11 was unjustifiable. In the circumstances the Hon'ble the Resident considers that the

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the feeding charges of the Chatram ------ servants may be treated as part of their pay and debited against the income from the endowment and the Government grant. If this is done no recovery is necessary from the Managing Trustee for the year 1930-31.

I have etc.,

Secretary to the Resident.

Copy forwarded to the Collector, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, --- with reference to his letter No. 2537-D-31. dated the 15th June, 1932.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
25-6-1932.

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